

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

July 15, 2003

President George W. Bush
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

We are writing to you to request further information about the intelligence regarding Iraq's alleged recent interest in acquiring uranium from the country of Niger.

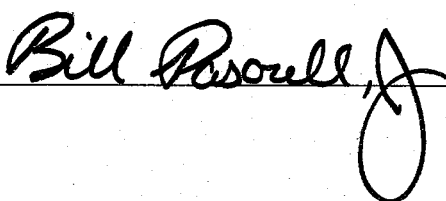
In your State of the Union address you suggested that Iraq posed an imminent nuclear danger to our nation's security interests in part because it was in the process of reconstituting its nuclear weapons program. In your address, you stated that, "*The British government has learned that Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa.*" In recent days, Administration officials have defended this statement as "technically accurate" and argued that the British government has stood by its conclusion -- based on intelligence information that has not been fully disclosed to the United States. Press reports have suggested that such intelligence may relate to possible efforts by Iraq to obtain uranium from Somalia or the Congo, in addition to any efforts to obtain uranium from Niger. Press reports further indicate that the British have withheld some of this intelligence information at the request of another foreign government, which some reports have suggested may be France.

We note that you will be meeting with British Prime Minister Tony Blair this week. We believe that this meeting affords you an opportunity to formally ask the British Government to fully disclose to the U.S. all of the intelligence information upon which they have based their findings and conclusions regarding alleged Iraqi efforts to obtain uranium from Africa.

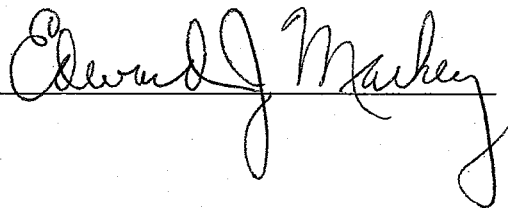
In light of the long-standing special relationship between the United States and Great Britain, we believe that you should ask Mr. Blair, if necessary, to contact whatever foreign government provided the British with the intelligence information in question and obtain their agreement to releasing this information the U.S., so that Congress and the American public can be made aware of the full nature and veracity of the intelligence information that formed the basis for U.S.-British military action in Iraq.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



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